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SUBJECT: SAM SEEKS MILITARY COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH
ALBANIA

Classified By: AMBASSADOR MARCIE RIES. REASONS: 1.4 (B) AND (D).

1. (U) This is an action request. Please see para. 5.

2. (C) Mimoza Kondo, MFA Office Director for the Europe, America, and Russia, told Pol/Econ Chief that Albania has been approached by Serbia-Montenegro regarding the possibility of formally establishing military cooperation. She also provided a copy of the agreement (faxed to EUR/SCE), and asked for the USG's view. According to the draft text, "the purpose of the agreement is to establish and to promote military cooperation between the Parties as well as to define principles based on which the cooperation shall be performed. The Parties shall apply this Agreement observing the principles of equality, reciprocity, and common interests, and in compliance with international law and their respective national legislation."

AREAS OF COOPERATION

3. (C) Among the areas of cooperation listed are:

Defense and security policy;
Organization and functioning of armed forces;
Peace-keeping Operations, humanitarian and other operations;
Search and rescue operations;
Arms control and disarmament;
Planning and shaping of military budget;
Military education, training and science;
Military topography and cartography;
Military history, publishing and museum activities;
Military law and legal regulation of defense matters;
Military medicine and dentistry;
Public relations;
Cultural and sports activities;
Protection of the environment.

The Agreement calls for exchanges, visits, and trainings, "and other forms of cooperation deemed necessary by the Parties. There is a section on "Classified Information Protection", whereby "the Parties agree to use, keep and protect classified information and documents to which they might have access in performance of activities under this Agreement as stipulated by their national legislation, and thus to provide the same level of protection of classified data...Parties agree to protect classified information and to prevent their disclosure to a third party after the termination of dhir @GrEaM`Np."Q

Q4. B) According to Kondo, this aQ thD re`gld ap@pG`Ch`y the SaM government. T(E FhRpQ Q`bTr4 @f4ep the new Democratic Party!Qed `g dhDhG(pOhC hQ`Q in Albania following the pQpQ

000\$ Q`QbQaQb0" oth approaches came througQ @@AQIQ00QQ`Q0Qp`Q Belgrade. Kondo said the G@pQ`Q`Q`Q`@QB0@QQQApproach pending the start CQ@QQ0 C negotiations, and is wQ`Q Q`Q@Q@QBQ@QQ Qo if the USG deems it a00QQQ QQ QQQ @Q@Qdnt and Action Request: A @Q@QQQphis issue does not appear Q Q@@@uld be few drawbacks to@Qthis Agreement off until after Kosovo is settled, as the Albanian's hve mentioned and Post agrees. On the other hand, this could be an excellent opportunity to increase regional cooperation between the two countries, particularly as SaM draws closer

to the European Union and possibly NATO. Please advise. End Comment.

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